UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

DAVID VOYLES,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
VS.)	Case No. 1:07-CV-0042 LMB
)	
MARK DOBBS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon David Voyles' motion for leave to commence this action without payment of the required filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

Although plaintiff has filed a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, he has not submitted a properly certified copy of his prisoner account statement. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2), "[a] prisoner seeking to bring a civil action . . . without payment of fees . . . shall submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement . . . obtained from the appropriate prison official." Because the plaintiff is within the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections, he is a prisoner within the meaning of the Act. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(h). Therefore, the Court will order plaintiff to submit a properly certified copy of his inmate trust fund account statement in order to be granted leave to proceed without payment of the filing fee.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma

pauperis [Doc. #2] is **HELD IN ABEYANCE**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff shall file a certified copy of his inmate

trust fund account statement for the six- month period immediately preceding the filing of his

complaint on March 14, 2007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if applicant fails to submit a certified copy of his

inmate trust fund account statement within thirty (30) days, the Court will dismiss this action

without prejudice. See Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if plaintiff submits his inmate trust fund account

statement within thirty days, the Clerk shall resubmit this action for review under 28 U.S.C.

§ 1915.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2007.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Lewis M. Bankon

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